



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

May 11, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ALLOCATE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT (THIRD DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)

## IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

- 1. Allocate Third Supervisorial District Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$5,000 to the City of San Fernando for its San Fernando Regional Pool Project.
- Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to award a grant to the City of San Fernando when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommendations will allocate funds for a capital improvement grant to the City of San Fernando in the Third Supervisorial District and provide for administration of the grant under existing Regional Park and Open Space District guidelines.

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

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The San Fernando Regional Pool Project has been identified as a high priority project and consists of a regional aquatic center to include two swimming pools, a splash area, a 15,000-square-foot support facility, decking, landscaping and an outdoor stage that will link the facility to the existing Senior Center. The overall cost for the project is \$6,400,000 and includes funding from Community Development Block Grant funds.

In a related item on the Board of Supervisors' Agenda, the Chief Administrative Office is requesting approval to assign the right to apply for \$495,000 of State Proposition 12 grant funds to the City of San Fernando for the San Fernando Regional Pool Project. We're recommending allocation of \$5,000 in additional 1996 Proposition funds to the City of San Fernando for this project.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) and Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) by allowing your Board to allocate Excess Funds to the City of San Fernando for its San Fernando Regional Pool Project.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$5,000 is budgeted from the Third Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

Funds for the grant are available from the Third Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District allocations of Fiscal Year 2003-04 Excess Funds.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides for an annual determination of the availability of excess funds and for allocation of such funds for capital projects in four categories. On June 24, 2003, your Board identified funds for capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04.

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The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds before they may receive grants of Excess Funds. The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

# **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997 and used since then for the administration of similar grant projects. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

# IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended project will provide additional regional swimming and recreational opportunities to residents of the Third Supervisorial District.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that this action will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review.

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# **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

For Tim Gallagher

Director, Parks and Recreation

c: Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)

**County Counsel**